which every person selected for appointment as Secretary will have a minimum period of 2 years service despite crossing the retirement age of 60 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Government has been receiving suggestions to grant fixed term in certain posts of Secretaries to Government of India. No decision has been taken in this regard.

CSE preliminary paper in all languages

1979. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether objective type question papers are provided only in Hindi and English at the preliminary examination of Civil Services Examination;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that most languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution are allowed as media in the Main Examination and personality test; and

(d) whether Government would allow all the languages in the Eighth Schedule as media in all the three stages of Civil Services Examination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Every candidate appearing in the Civil Services Examination is required to have knowledge of English and one of the Indian languages included in the VIII Schedule to the Constitution of India at the level of Matriculation or equivalent. This level of knowledge is considered sufficient to understand the questions and select the correct answer in the objective type question paper.

(c) All the Indian languages included in the VIIIth Schedule to the Constitution are available as medium in the Civil Services (Main) Examination.

(d) Not necessary in view of the reply at (b) above.